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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Kenneth C. Cundy et al.

Application No.: 09/972,425

Filing Date: October 5, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: BARBARA P BADIO

Confirmation No.: 5701

Title: BILE-ACID DERIVIED COMPOUNDS FOR PROVIDING SUSTAINED SYSTEMIC CONCENTRATIONS OF DRUGS AFTER ORAL ADMINISTRATION

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the  \$65.00 (2814)  \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

Also enclosed is/are Interview Summary

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Small entity status is hereby claimed.

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  \$395.00 (2801)  \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_

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on \_\_\_\_\_  
for which continued examination is requested.

Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

No additional claim fee is required.

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					

A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.

Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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Sir:

Applicant's undersigned representative thanks Examiner Radio for the courtesy of the telephonic interview with the undersigned on August 16, 2005. The allowed claims were discussed and the undersigned authorized the Examiner to amend allowed claim 6 by Examiner's Amendment to include a period (.) at the end of the claim. The Examiner stated that a Supplemental Notice of Allowance would be issued including the agreed upon Examiner's Amendment.

If, upon further consideration, any additional concerns or issues arise, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned so that such issues can be most expeditiously resolved.

If there are any questions concerning this paper, or the application in general,  
Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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